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1. A KEY MINISTR OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) OFFICIAL, AFTER WHAT HE REGARDED AS A COLLEAGUE'S INDISCREET REMARK, ADMITTED APRIL 22 THAT THE MINISTRY HAD BEEN "EXTREMELY BUSY" THAT DAY PREPARING PAPERS SEEKING CABINET APPROVAL APRIL 23 FOR THE VISIT OF A NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION TO THAILAND. ANOTHER OFFICIAL SAID THE DELEGATION WOULD BE ECNOMIC.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIALS DID NOT ELABORATE, WE EXPECT THAT THE DELEGATION MAY BE ARRIVING IN RESPONSE TO THE FREQUENTLY STATED MFA POSITON THAT THAILAND IS WILLING TO HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ANY COUNTRY, REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGY, THAT DISPLAYS A FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD THAILADN. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS SCORE AS WE LEARN THEM.

3. IN VIEW OF MFA SENSITIVITIES ON THIS ISSUE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE POSTS NOT DISCUSSING THES NEWS OUTSIDE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT UNTIL IT GETS ON THE PUBLIC RECORD.

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